

FOOD PURCHASE REPORT

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USDA CHICKEN FAJITA STRIPS PURCHASE PROGRAM ANNOUNCED:

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) today announced plans to purchase chicken fajita strips for school lunch and other domestic food nutrition assistance programs.

Offers will be invited from the trade for frozen, fully cooked, dark chicken fajita strips, produced from ready-to-cook boneless, skinless drumsticks, thighs, and/or legs. The commodity will be packaged 5 or 10 pounds (2.27 or 4.54 kg) per plastic-film bag to a net weight of 30 pounds (13.61 kg) in each fiberboard shipping container. A purchase unit will consist of 1,300 shipping containers totaling 39,000 pounds (17,690 kg).

Invitation No. 1, inviting offers due by 12 noon, Central Time, Monday, Feb. 12, is being issued this week. Acceptances will be announced by midnight, Friday, Feb. 16, for product to be delivered from March 16 to March 31. Subsequent invitations will be issued inviting offers due the second and fourth Monday of each month.

Offers may be submitted electronically via the Internet by accessing the Domestic Electronic Bid Entry System (DEBES) at <http://pcsd.usda.gov:3077/mdbc1000.exe?>. Certifications, representations, and warranties will be made annually and are contained in Appendix-1, as amended. The certifications will be made one time only for all Poultry Program Announcements for the program year. Certifications must be received by the Contracting Officer prior to submitting a bid. Information regarding these requirements is contained in Announcement PY-242, which is being distributed to the trade. Offerors are urged to review the bid format and product specification and are cautioned to only offer quantities they can reasonably expect to deliver during the contracted delivery period.

Offerors are urged to carefully read all applicable terms and conditions of USDA-1, as amended; Announcement PY-242; Appendix-1, as amended; the Commodity Specification for Chicken Fajita Strips dated December 2000; and Invitation No. 1.

Inquiries may be made by telephoning (202) 720-7693 or addressing the Contracting Officer, USDA/AMS/Poultry Programs, Commodity Procurement Branch STOP 0260, P.O. Box 96456, Washington, DC 20090-6456. An electronic version of this food purchase report can be obtained through the world wide web via the Commodity Procurement Home Page at <http://www.ams.usda.gov/cp>.

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